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Subject: Re: Bat infectious diseases symposium, 2022

Hi, Tony,

Thanks for your effort for continuing this symposium. I am sure it will be more attractive than ever next year. Also, I am happy to serve on the committee.

Best wishes,
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On 02/20/2021 05:26, [Schountz, Tony](#) wrote:

Hi Everyone,

We were hoping to host the 3rd bat infectious diseases symposium this summer in Fort Collins; however, because COVID is expected to still be an issue here

and the vaccine roll-out has been slow, we must postpone it until 2022. The date is 24 July (Sunday evening only for a reception) to 27 July (Wednesday), 2022.

The reason for this email is that I am submitting an R13 conference grant proposal to NIH to provide a few thousand dollars of funding to subsidize the symposium, and one expectation of the reviewers for R13 proposals is an advisory committee. So, if you are willing and able to serve on the committee, I would be greatly appreciative. The work for you will mostly involve reviewing abstracts to choose talks (instead of posters). The last meeting we had about 70 abstracts submitted and we had just enough that requested posters that we did not have to choose talks. I am optimistic that it will be similar this time, so that should limit the amount of work for you. Of course, you wouldn't get all abstracts, but instead perhaps 10 to 12 to review to help decide which ones are worthy of talks. One caveat, of course, is that with the COVID pandemic there will probably be greater interest in the symposium, particularly for coronaviruses. I have attached a graph that shows the number of PubMed references for "bats AND viruses" and as you can see 2020 was a remarkable year - most of the increase was in the last half of the year. I expect 2021 will be even larger!

Although your attendance at the symposium is not required to serve on the advisory committee, if you do attend we will cover your hotel and registration fees as members of the advisory committee. If you do attend, I would like each of you to give a talk if you are willing. The symposium will be held in our newly-renovated conference center on our campus.

Thanks very much for your consideration and if you have questions, please let me know.

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